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SUBJECT: MEDIA REACTION ON HUMAN RIGHTS

1. GOVERNMENT DAILY NOVEDADES ON MARCH 9, GAVE EXTENSIVE TREATMENT TO REFUTING ALLEGED HUMAN RIGHTS VIOLATIONS AS REPORTED IN RECENT ARTICLES IN THE N.Y. TIMES AND IN THE MARCH 14 EDITION OF TIME MAGAZINE.

2. ITEM: "WE ARE A SMALL PEOPLE, BUT WITH DIGNITY, THAT ACCEPTS NEITHER TUTELAGE NOR THREATS". "HUECK POINTS OUT DANGEROUS DAMAGE TO THE FRIENDSHIP BETWEEN LATIN AMERICAN COUNTRIES AND THE UNITED STATES". THE ARTICLE FOLLOWING REFERS TO A CABLE SENT BY PRESIDENT OF THE CONGRESS CORNELIO HUECK TO U.S. CONGRESSMAN EDWARD KOCH. EXCERPTS OF THE CABLE:

3. "THE DELIBERATE BREVITY OF THE SUBCOMMITTEE ON HUMAN RIGHTS OF THEHOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES HAS MOTIVATED THE INVITATION OF PRESIDENT OF THE CONGRESS DR. CORNELIO HUECK TO HIS AMERICAN COLLEAGUE EDWARD KOCH TO VISIT OUR COUNTRY AND SEE FOR HIMSELF THE FALSITY OF THE TESTIMONIES THAT THE SUBCOMMITTEE TAKES AS IRREFUTABLE TRUTH AND IS GIVEN AS SENSATIONALNEWS IN DIFFERENT MEDIUMS OF INFORMATION IN THE UNITED STATES". THEN FOLLOWS HUECK'S LETTE
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TO KOCH WHICH INVITES KOCH TO COME TO NICARAGUA "TO VERIFY THE ACTS OF WHICH WE ARE BEING ACCUSED, WHICH HAVE ALREADY BEEN INVESTIGATED AND FOUND BASELESS BY OUR COMMISSION.." (GON CONGRESSIONAL COMMISSION IN DEFENSE OF HUMAN RIGHTS). THE LETTER INVITES KOCK TO NICARAGUA "...AS LONG AS IT IS CLEAR THAT IT WILL NOT CONSITUTE AUTHORIZATION TO INTERVENE IN THE INTERNAL AFFAIRS OF OUR NATIONALITY..." JUECK ALSO SAYS "I TAKE ADVANTAGE OF THIS

OCCASION TO EXPRESS OUR AMAZEMENT TO OBSERVE THAT THE FRIENDSHIP WHICH HAS TAKEN SO LONG TO REESTABLISH AFTER A LONG PERIOD OF DISTRUST THAT WE ALL THOUGHT HAD BEEN OVERCOME IS BEING DANGEROUSLY DAMAGED." CABLE IS SIGNED BY HUECK IN HIS CAPACITY OF PRESIDENT OF THE COMMISSION ON DEFENSE OF HUMAN RIGHTS OF THE NATIONAL CONGRESS. COMPLETE TEXT APPEARS IN STATE SERIES, MANAGUA 1137.

4. ITEM: ANOTHER NOVEDADES ARTICLE RECOUNTED A MARCH 8 PRESS CONFERENCE HELD BY COL. AGUILES ARANDA ESCOBAR, PUBLIC RELATIONS CHIEF FOR THE NATIONAL GUARD, IN WHICH HE EMPHATICALLY DENIED CHARGES MADE BY TIME IN ITS MARCH 14 EDITION. THE NATIONAL GUARD SPOKESMAN CHARACTERIZED TIME'S ARTICLE AS ZINSULTING BOTH TO THE GON AS WELL AS TO THE NATIONAL GUARD" AND DENIED THAT MASSACRES HAD EVER OCCURED IN NICARAGUA. THE NATIONAL GUARD, COL. ARANDA SAID,, "RESTRICTS ITS ACTION TO...MAINTAINING PEACE AND ORDER IN THE NORTHER AREA" WHERE "THERE ARE SUBVERSIVE ELEMENTS..WHO DEDICATE THEMSELVES TO ROBBERY, THEREBY TRYING TO INTERRUPT THE PROGRESS AND DEVELOPMENT OF THIS WEALTHY AREA OF NICARAGUA". COL. ARANDA REFERRING TO THE TIME ARTICLE SAID THAT IT WAS PART OF A SYSTEMATIC CAMPAIGN MOUNTED ABROAD BY INTERESTS CREATED TO DAMAGE THE IMAGE OF A DEMOCRATIC GOVERNMENT AND FRIEND OF THE PEOPLE AND GOVERNMENT OF THE UNITED STATES, BEFORE THE NEW ADMINISTRATION OF MR. CARTER.

5. ESSENTIALLY, THE SAME INFORMATION WAS CARRIED IN OPPOSITION DAILY LA PRENSA IN ITS MARCH 9 AFTERNOON EDITION. THE COLONEL'S STATEMENTS ALSO RECEIVED HEAVY PLAY BY RADIO AND TV.

6. ITEM: A THIRD NOVEDADES ARTICLE THAT EXPANDED ON REMARKS MADE BY PRESIDENT OF THE CONGRESS JUECK, WHEN HE GAVE NEWSMEN COPIES UNCLASSIFIED

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OF HIS CABLE TO KOCH (ITEM 1 ABOVE) WAS HEADLINED "WHEN THE NATIONAL GUARD TRAINED BY THE UNITED STATES DOES ITS DUTY, IT IS ACCUSED OF VIOLATING HUMAN RIGHTS".

7. FULL TEXT OF COLUMN BY SOMETIME CONTRIBUTOR TO NOVEDADES ROOBERTO ZELAYA TAKING U.S. NEWSMEN TO TASK FOLLOWS IN SEPTTEL. ITEM. FITZGERALD

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